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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

The total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,669,800 for April, 1994. Last month's revised figure was 1,659,200 and last year's figure was 1,643,500.

Goods producing employment exhibited an increase of 2,400 and 8,800 compared to the month-ago figure of 331,100 and the year-ago figure of 324,700, respectively. Mining rose slightly with each segment contributing equally. Special trade contractors had increased activity which was the major cause for the rise in construction payrolls. Increases in durable and nondurable goods pushed manufacturing upward.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,336,300 for April. This estimate was 8,200 higher than March and 17,500 higher than April of last year. More business at the state's ports was primarily responsible for the increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities segment. Trade employment was elevated mainly due to seasonal fluctuations and more business in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed increased business activity in the real estate and insurance sectors. Business services, and amusement and recreation services exhibited substantial gains which boosted the services industry. Government employment was higher because of an increase in local government, other than education.

Louisiana's 136,600 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of \$563.77 for April, a decrease of \$0.39 from the March revised figure, but an increase of \$30.78 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings for April were \$12.99 compared to \$13.12 for March and \$12.63 for April, 1993. Average weekly hours were 43.4, an increase of 0.4 hours from last month and 1.2 hours from last year.

The April preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 8.4 percent, an increase from the March revised rate of 8.1 percent. The national unemployment rate for April was 6.4 percent, a decrease from the March rate of 6.5 percent. Total unemployment for April increased to 160,200. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,917,200 with an increase in total employment to 1,757,000.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,669.8	1,659.2	1,643.5	+10.6	+26.3
GOODS PRODUCING	333.5	331.1	324.7	+ 2.4	+ 8.8
MINING	45.4	45.2	45.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	43.5	43.4	43.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	102.0	100.3	96.2	+ 1.7	+ 5.8
General Contractors	16.6	16.4	15.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	40.5	40.5	38.8	0	+ 1.7
Special Trade Contractors	44.9	43.4	42.2	+ 1.5	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	186.1	185.6	183.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Durable Goods	79.9	79.5	77.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	12.9	13.0	+ 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	13.6	13.6	13.7	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.7	12.7	12.7	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.5	19.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	106.2	106.1	105.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	20.8	20.5	20.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	11.4	11.4	11.3	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	12.0	12.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	9.4	9.4	9.4	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.5	30.6	30.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.0	0	+ 0.1
Organic Chemicals	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.5	12.6	0	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.6	9.7	9.6	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,336.3	1,328.1	1,318.8	+ 8.2	+17.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	106.3	106.2	104.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.9	63.8	61.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Water Transportation	22.8	22.6	22.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Communications & Public Util.	37.6	37.6	37.6	0	0
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.7	15.7	15.8	0	- 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.9	21.9	21.8	0	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	385.7	383.3	380.4	+ 2.4	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade	86.2	85.6	85.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.0	46.8	46.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.2	38.8	38.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	299.5	297.7	295.2	+ 1.8	+ 4.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.6	11.5	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	40.5	39.8	39.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Food Stores	58.7	59.3	58.0	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	33.9	33.7	32.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Apparel and Accessory	15.3	15.2	15.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Equipment	10.6	10.5	10.6	+ 0.1	0
Eating and Drinking Places	98.5	97.7	97.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Other Retail Trade	30.4	30.0	30.7	+ 0.4	- 0.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.4	78.0	77.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Banking	27.9	27.9	27.5	0	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.8	26.7	26.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	420.9	418.0	411.4	+ 2.9	+ 9.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	21.9	21.8	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	16.1	16.0	15.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Business Services	68.6	67.7	65.8	+ 0.9	+ 2.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.3	12.3	12.0	0	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	15.7	14.7	13.7	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Health Services	142.9	142.8	139.0	+ 0.1	+ 3.9
Hospitals	60.3	60.3	59.1	0	+ 1.2
Legal Services	16.4	16.2	16.4	+ 0.2	0
Educational Services	28.1	28.1	27.9	0	+ 0.2
Social Services	26.0	25.9	26.0	+ 0.1	0
Membership Organizations	26.6	26.4	26.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	27.9	27.8	27.9	+ 0.1	0
Miscellaneous Services	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
GOVERNMENT	345.0	342.6	345.3	+ 2.4	- 0.3
Federal	37.1	36.8	37.1	+ 0.3	0
State and Local	307.9	305.8	308.2	+ 2.1	- 0.3
State	107.8	107.7	107.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	200.1	198.1	200.5	+ 2.0	- 0.4

* Preliminary

**Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</u>			<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS</u>			<u>AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS</u>		
	<u>Apr. '94*</u>	<u>Mar. '94**</u>	<u>Apr. '93**</u>	<u>Apr. '94*</u>	<u>Mar. '94**</u>	<u>Apr. '93**</u>	<u>Apr. '94*</u>	<u>Mar. '94**</u>	<u>Apr. '93**</u>
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	\$563.77	\$564.16	\$532.99	43.4	43.0	42.2	\$12.99	\$13.12	\$12.63
Durable Goods	522.99	523.77	468.99	44.7	44.2	42.1	11.70	11.85	11.14
Lumber & Wood Products	406.51	402.32	387.71	43.9	42.8	41.6	9.26	9.40	9.32
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	456.96	462.88	479.88	40.8	43.3	43.0	11.20	10.69	11.16
Fabricated Metal Products	447.26	443.84	424.87	42.8	42.8	41.9	10.45	10.37	10.14
Machinery, ex. Electrical	526.13	528.80	480.20	45.2	44.7	43.3	11.64	11.83	11.09
Electric & Electronic Equip.	783.39	813.05	669.51	45.1	45.6	38.7	17.37	17.83	17.30
Transportation Equipment	631.75	635.08	527.03	47.5	46.8	42.4	13.30	13.57	12.43
Nondurable Goods	596.85	598.66	583.74	42.3	42.1	42.3	14.11	14.22	13.80
Food & Kindred Products	344.36	330.91	326.38	39.4	38.3	37.3	8.74	8.64	8.75
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	249.75	232.32	229.99	37.0	35.2	34.9	6.75	6.60	6.59
Paper & Allied Products	656.74	667.16	630.12	43.9	44.3	43.1	14.96	15.06	14.62
Printing & Publishing	456.92	482.38	463.64	38.3	39.8	39.9	11.93	12.12	11.62
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	872.48	900.71	815.33	45.3	46.5	45.6	19.26	19.37	17.88
Petroleum & Coal Products	959.03	951.93	1,047.05	46.6	46.3	52.3	20.58	20.56	20.02
Petroleum Refining	978.98	977.04	1,084.91	46.2	46.0	53.0	21.19	21.24	20.47
MINING	664.44	644.92	613.87	49.0	48.6	46.4	13.56	13.27	13.23
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	600.01	611.06	569.24	41.9	41.4	40.4	14.32	14.76	14.09
BANKING	337.39	331.06	317.68	39.6	36.5	36.1	8.52	9.07	8.80

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 136,600 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 81,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</u>			<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS</u>			<u>AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS</u>		
	Apr. '94*	Mar. '94**	Apr. '93**	Apr. '94*	Mar. '94**	Apr. '93**	Apr. '94*	Mar. '94**	Apr. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	\$680.89	\$660.91	\$618.05	43.9	43.0	43.1	\$15.51	\$15.37	\$14.34
Petro-Chemicals	946.47	919.52	826.62	47.3	46.7	46.0	20.01	19.69	17.97

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,500 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	\$578.15	\$580.35	\$563.17	44.1	43.8	42.6	\$13.11	\$13.25	\$13.22
Durable Goods	501.08	490.80	424.63	44.9	43.9	39.5	11.16	11.18	10.75
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pmts.	452.45	457.13	516.12	41.7	41.9	46.0	10.85	10.91	11.22
Fabricated Metal Products	427.87	436.38	410.80	41.3	41.6	40.0	10.36	10.49	10.27
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	480.76	455.27	383.03	45.7	43.4	37.7	10.52	10.49	10.16
Nondurable Goods	644.49	657.88	677.10	43.4	43.8	45.2	14.85	15.02	14.98
Food & Kindred Products	416.99	398.78	395.81	42.9	40.2	39.9	9.72	9.92	9.92
Apparel & Other Textile Pmts.	167.16	181.47	224.06	31.9	34.5	34.9	5.24	5.26	6.42
Printing & Publishing	469.70	522.33	469.06	41.9	43.6	41.4	11.21	11.98	11.33
Chemicals & Allied Pmts.	877.01	889.95	941.90	45.3	46.4	49.6	19.36	19.18	18.99

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 34,700 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	\$640.09	\$644.48	\$539.31	45.3	45.1	41.2	\$14.13	\$14.29	\$13.09
Lumber and Wood Products	323.11	292.23	336.96	40.9	38.1	43.2	7.90	7.67	7.80
Food and Kindred Products	438.89	375.72	413.06	40.6	32.9	38.0	10.81	11.42	10.87
Printing and Publishing	405.86	420.00	419.99	39.1	40.0	45.8	10.38	10.50	9.17
Chemicals & Allied Products	679.00	617.86	620.17	48.5	45.7	42.8	14.00	13.52	14.49

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,900 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY Apr., 1994				REVISED Mar., 1994				REVISED Apr., 1993			
(in thousands)	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1,917.2	1,757.0	160.2	8.4	1,892.5	1,738.6	153.9	8.1	1,883.1	1,741.8	141.3	7.5
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1,899.1	1,753.5	145.6	7.7	1,881.4	1,734.5	146.9	7.8	1,865.0	1,738.4	126.6	6.8
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	55.7	51.8	3.9	7.0	55.2	51.1	4.1	7.4	54.9	51.6	3.3	6.0
Baton Rouge 2/	270.0	250.9	19.1	7.1	267.3	248.3	19.0	7.1	267.2	251.8	15.4	5.8
Houma 3/	76.9	71.6	5.3	6.9	75.7	70.4	5.3	7.0	74.8	69.8	5.0	6.7
Lafayette 4/	154.9	144.2	10.7	6.9	153.2	142.1	11.1	7.3	153.0	143.0	10.0	6.6
Lake Charles 5/	80.0	73.6	6.4	8.0	79.6	73.2	6.4	8.0	77.9	71.7	6.2	8.0
Monroe 6/	65.3	60.7	4.6	7.1	64.8	60.2	4.6	7.1	64.7	60.7	4.0	6.2
New Orleans 7/	585.6	543.7	41.9	7.2	579.3	539.3	40.0	6.9	582.3	546.4	35.9	6.2
Shreveport-Bossier City 8/	170.9	158.3	12.6	7.4	169.9	156.7	13.2	7.7	168.1	157.1	11.0	6.6

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes.
 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/
 Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles,
 St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
APRIL 1994	147.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
APRIL 1993	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	8,550	7,625	925	10.7	8,500	7,550	950	11.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	9,075	8,200	875	9.5	9,025	8,025	1,000	11.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,075	13,150	1,925	12.7	14,775	12,900	1,875	12.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	12,900	11,600	1,300	10.1	12,600	11,400	1,200	9.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,275	5,725	550	8.7	6,150	5,675	475	7.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,400	3,975	425	9.7	4,375	3,925	450	10.3
CAMERON (CAMERON)	3,750	3,450	300	7.6	3,675	3,375	300	8.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,725	5,125	600	10.7	5,675	5,025	650	11.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	5,650	5,100	550	9.2	5,550	5,075	475	8.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,500	7,475	1,025	12.0	8,625	7,425	1,200	14.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	10,050	9,225	825	8.1	10,075	9,200	875	8.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,950	3,250	700	17.9	4,050	3,225	825	20.5
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,075	7,450	625	7.6	7,950	7,325	625	7.8
VILLE PLATTE (EVANGELINE)	12,275	11,375	900	7.4	12,300	11,250	1,050	8.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	10,875	9,800	1,075	9.9	10,850	9,650	1,200	11.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,925	6,150	775	11.2	6,975	6,100	875	12.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	29,125	26,825	2,300	7.9	28,700	26,350	2,350	8.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	13,375	11,850	1,525	11.3	13,325	11,750	1,575	11.9
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,475	6,025	450	6.9	6,475	6,025	450	6.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,850	10,875	975	8.3	11,800	10,700	1,100	9.4
JENA (LASALLE)	5,925	5,400	525	8.9	6,000	5,400	600	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,750	18,000	750	4.0	18,400	17,725	675	3.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,325	4,725	600	11.4	5,350	4,625	725	13.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,900	12,325	1,575	11.4	13,975	12,225	1,750	12.5
NATCHITOCHE (NATCHITOCHE)	16,550	15,400	1,150	6.9	16,300	15,100	1,200	7.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	10,050	9,050	1,000	10.0	10,050	9,000	1,050	10.5
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	3,800	3,450	350	9.2	3,775	3,400	375	10.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,000	7,950	1,050	11.6	9,050	7,875	1,175	13.0
MANY (SABINE)	9,075	8,550	525	5.8	8,950	8,375	575	6.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,950	3,700	250	6.5	3,900	3,650	250	6.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,200	21,900	2,300	9.5	23,925	21,425	2,500	10.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,150	35,475	4,675	11.6	39,425	35,125	4,300	10.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,475	3,200	275	7.8	3,475	3,125	350	10.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	11,475	10,775	700	6.1	11,300	10,575	725	6.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	22,200	20,625	1,575	7.1	22,025	20,200	1,825	8.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	16,750	15,025	1,725	10.3	16,825	14,925	1,900	11.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	16,625	15,100	1,525	9.2	16,400	14,850	1,550	9.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,575	4,350	1,225	21.9	5,750	4,325	1,425	24.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	3,650	3,350	300	8.1	3,650	3,300	350	9.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,500	6,100	400	6.1	6,425	6,025	400	6.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
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GOODS PRODUCING	6.8	6.6	6.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.3	43.3	42.6	0	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.0	10.7	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	9.0	9.0	8.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	14.4	14.4	14.2	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	6.5	6.6	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.2	13.0	0	+ 0.2
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 0.2
State	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
Local	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA moved upward to 50,100. Goods producing was up 200, while service producing remained unchanged for April.

Goods producing employment rose to a level of 6,800, with all segments remaining stable with the exception of construction. More business activity in both general nonresidential and heavy construction was totally responsible for the current gains in the construction sector.

Service producing employment remained at 43,300 for April. This figure was 700 above April, 1993 with the largest over-the-year gains occurring in trade. Health services was the only industry within the services segment that reported job losses for both the current month and year-ago figures.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1994*</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>1994**</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1993**</u>	<u>Net Change From</u>	
				<u>Mar.</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1993</u>
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	259.4	258.5	254.3	+ 0.9	+ 5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	54.5	54.1	53.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
MINING	0.9	0.8	0.9	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	30.9	30.6	29.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	22.7	22.7	23.4	0	- 0.7
Durable Goods	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	16.9	16.9	17.4	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.2	12.3	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	204.9	204.4	200.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.7	11.6	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	56.9	57.0	55.5	- 0.1	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	13.3	13.3	13.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	43.6	43.7	42.2	- 0.1	+ 1.4
General Merchandise	5.7	5.8	5.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.9	14.9	14.5	0	+ 0.4
Banking	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	63.9	63.6	62.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	57.5	57.3	56.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	55.1	54.9	54.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
State	30.6	30.5	30.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	24.5	24.4	23.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA rebounded to a level of 259,400 in April. This current figure was 900 above the March revised estimate and 5,100 higher than the year-ago level.

Total goods producing employment moved upward to 54,500, an increase of 400 from the prior month. Mining increased to 900 due to more drilling activity in the surrounding area. Construction, after heavy losses in March, reported substantial gains in heavy construction. Manufacturing remained at 22,700 for April.

Service producing employment continued to rise to a level of 204,900 in April, an increase of 500 from the March level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities expanded to 11,700 in response to seasonal gains in water transportation. Trade moved downward to a level of 56,900 as a result of layoffs at a retail department store chain. The services segment was up substantially with gains occurring in the hotel, business, and health services industries. Noneducational staff increases in both state and local government were responsible for the overall growth in government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing were \$680.89 for April, an increase of \$19.98 from the March average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up \$62.84. Average weekly hours, at 43.9, increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings, at \$15.51 increased by \$0.14 cents an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 270,000. This figure was comprised of 250,900 employed and 19,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in April.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,706 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,276 referrals to current openings resulted in 124 placements during April.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Net Change From	
	1994*	1994**	1993**	Mar.	Apr.
				1994	1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.5	60.1	58.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	13.4	13.2	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	5.3	5.3	4.9	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.5	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.1	46.9	45.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.8	5.7	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	15.0	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Retail Trade	12.3	12.2	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.3	12.3	12.0	0	+ 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	8.5	8.5	8.3	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA was estimated at 60,500 in April. This was 400 higher than the March revised estimate and 1,900 above April one year ago.

Goods producing rose by 200 over the month, to a level of 13,400 and was 500 above the year-ago figure of 12,900. Mining and construction had a small gain of 100 each, while manufacturing payrolls held steady in April.

Service producing employment increased 200 in April to 47,100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities; and trade had a minimal gain of 100 each, while all other segments remained unchanged over the month.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	138.2	137.3	135.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
GOODS PRODUCING	34.2	34.0	32.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
MINING	11.4	11.5	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	6.8	6.6	6.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	16.0	15.9	15.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	5.3	5.3	4.8	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	10.7	10.6	10.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	104.0	103.3	102.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.0	8.1	7.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	35.0	34.8	34.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.1	7.9	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	26.9	26.7	26.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.6	5.7	5.6	- 0.1	0
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	33.1	32.6	32.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	22.3	22.1	22.3	+ 0.2	0
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	21.0	20.8	21.0	+ 0.2	0
State	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 0.1
Local	14.6	14.4	14.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,200, an increase of 900 from the March revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200, a gain of 200 from the prior month. Mining and manufacturing offset each other with a job change of 100 in their total employment. Construction rose 200 with the gains occurring in the heavy construction and special trade sectors.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,000, a gain of 700 from the previous month. Trade was up 200 with the increase centered in food stores, and eating and drinking places. Services employment increased by 500 due mostly to the beginning of the horse racing season. Government rose by 200 in April due to employment increases in local government. The transportation, communications, and public utilities; and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors each had a job loss of 100 from the prior month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	74.4	74.4	70.9	0	+ 3.5
GOODS PRODUCING	20.4	20.5	18.6	- 0.1	+ 1.8
MINING	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.8	8.0	6.4	- 0.2	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	11.2	11.1	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.4	9.4	0	0
Chemical & Petro Products	8.6	8.6	8.6	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	54.0	53.9	52.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.2	4.4	4.2	- 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.3	16.0	16.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	13.0	12.8	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.4	18.4	17.2	0	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
State	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Local	8.2	8.2	7.9	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 74,400 in April. This was unchanged from the March revised estimate and 3,500 above April, 1993.

Goods producing employment estimated at 20,400, was 100 less than last month, but 1,800 above April one year ago. Mining remained stable in April. Construction employment was down in the heavy construction segment. Manufacturing was up in the durable goods segment during April.

Service producing employment increased by 100 to a level of 54,000 in April. This was also higher than April, 1993 by 1,700. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 200 mainly due to less business in the water transportation segment. Trade was higher in both the wholesale and retail segments. All other segments remained unchanged over the month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Net Change From				
	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.2	62.9	61.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
GOODS PRODUCING	11.5	11.4	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.9	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	8.2	8.2	8.2	0	0
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.7	51.5	50.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.4	3.3	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.4	15.3	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	11.6	0	+ 0.5
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Banking	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICES	16.2	16.2	15.8	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.4	12.7	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.9	11.9	12.2	0	- 0.3
State	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Local	6.7	6.7	7.0	0	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 63,200 during April, 1994. This figure was 300 above the March revised estimate and 1,400 higher than the estimate of April, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,500, was 100 higher than last month's estimate of 11,400 and 300 more than last year's estimate of 11,200. Construction rose slightly over the month and was 300 higher than one year ago. Manufacturing and mining remained unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,700, was up 200 for the month and 1,100 over the same period a year ago. Trade was up by 700 from a year ago, with a gain of 200 in wholesale trade and 500 in retail trade. Services was up by 400 compared to the prior year's estimate of 15,800. Government remained stable over the month, but dropped 300 from last year's level of 12,700, with the loss in local government.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1994*	Mar. 1994**	Apr. 1993**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1994	Apr. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	575.4	575.0	566.2	+ 0.4	+ 9.2
GOODS PRODUCING	87.8	87.8	85.6	0	+ 2.2
MINING	14.0	14.0	14.2	0	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.5	13.6	13.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	25.7	25.8	24.4	- 0.1	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	48.1	48.0	47.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	22.7	22.6	22.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.0	11.9	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.6	9.4	9.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	25.4	25.4	24.9	0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.1	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.9	4.8	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	487.6	487.2	480.6	+ 0.4	+ 7.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	42.9	42.9	42.2	0	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.5	8.5	8.1	0	+ 0.4
Water Transportation	11.8	11.9	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	12.8	12.8	12.7	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	139.7	139.6	139.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	33.3	33.1	32.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.3	17.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	15.9	15.8	15.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	106.4	106.5	106.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
General Merchandise	12.1	12.0	12.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	20.4	21.1	21.0	- 0.7	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	38.4	37.9	38.4	+ 0.5	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	29.9	30.0	29.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Banking	9.6	9.6	9.3	0	+ 0.3
SERVICES	172.0	171.9	168.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.3	13.4	13.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Health Services	48.6	48.6	47.0	0	+ 1.6
Educational Services	19.0	19.0	18.7	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	103.1	102.8	101.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Federal	17.2	17.3	17.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	85.9	85.5	84.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
State	24.6	24.5	23.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Local	61.3	61.0	60.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in April was estimated at 575,400, an increase of 400 from the March revised estimate and 9,200 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing, estimated at 87,800, remained steady over the month, but increased 2,200 from April, 1993. Mining employment was unchanged from March, but construction decreased 100, while manufacturing increased by 100.

Service producing employment increased to 487,600 in April. This was 400 above the March estimate and 7,000 higher than April one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment remained steady over the month. Trade rose by 100 with the increase centered in the wholesale segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment dropped by 100 mainly in the real estate sector. Services had a minimal gain of 100 over the month. Government was up mainly due to hiring in the local government sector.

An estimated 34,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned \$578.15 per week, down \$2.20 from last month's revised average of \$580.35. Average weekly hours were 44.1, up from 43.8 in March. Average hourly earnings were \$13.11, down from \$13.25 in March and \$13.22 in April of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,900 for April. The unemployment rate registered 7.2 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Net Change From	
	1994*	1994**	1993**	Mar.	Apr.
				1994	1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	155.6	155.1	151.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
GOODS PRODUCING	32.3	32.1	29.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	8.7	8.7	8.4	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	20.6	20.4	18.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	14.4	14.3	12.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	4.7	4.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	3.8	0	+ 1.7
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.1	6.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.7	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	123.3	123.0	122.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.8	8.1	8.4	- 0.3	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	36.5	36.4	35.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	8.8	8.7	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	27.7	27.7	26.7	0	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	41.1	40.7	40.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	31.1	31.1	31.1	0	0
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	26.0	26.0	26.0	0	0
State	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	17.6	17.5	17.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA during the month of April was estimated at 155,600. This total shows an increase of 500 from the previous month and 3,700 more than April, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,300, was up 200 from the prior month. Manufacturing rose by 200 with the increase found in both the durable and nondurable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 123,300, was up 300 from the prior month. Services increased by 400 with the growth scattered across the entire sector. The trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors had a slight increase of 100 each. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment had a drop of 300 due primarily to the teamsters strike.

An estimated 15,900 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of \$640.09 in April, compared to \$644.48 in March, and \$539.31 a year ago. Average weekly hours increased to 45.3 in April, compared to 45.1 in March, and 41.2 a year ago. Average hourly earnings dropped to \$14.13 in April, compared to \$14.29 in March.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 170,900 included 158,300 employed and 12,600 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent.

THE FOLLOWING INSERT INCLUDES:

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUALITY CONTROL REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 1993

LOUISIANA
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUALITY CONTROL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1993

Total Dollars Paid in Population	\$162,250,336
Sample Size	.915

	<u>Percentage of Dollars</u>	<u>95% Confidence Interval (+/-)</u>
Proper Payments	81.0%	2.8%
Overpayments	19.0%	2.8%
Underpayments	0.8%	0.3%

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